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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652, N/A

TAGS: PDIP, PORS, IR

SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLOSION AT IRANIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN
SAN FRANCISCO; OTHER SECURITY MATTERS

1. DURING NIGHT OF JANUARY 14 A BOMB EXPLODED IN REST
ROOM ADJACENT TO OFFICES OF IRANIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN
SAN FRANCISCO. APPARENTLY, BLAST WAS AIMED AT CONSULATE
BUT DAMAGE TO QUARTERS WAS MINIMAL AND NO ONE ON CONSULATE
STAFF WAS INJURED.

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF DEPARTMENT PRESS
BRIEFING JAN 15:
BEGIN TEXT I HAVE TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE
TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE BOMB BLAST AGAINST THE IRANIAN
CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
THERE WAS A BOMB BLAST IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST NIGHT THAT WAS
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DIRECTED AGAINST THE IRANIAN CONSULATE GENERAL. OUR SECURITY

OFFICE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE INCIDENT. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT APPARENTLY THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS PLACED IN A REST ROOM ADJACENT TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S OFFICES. WE REGRET VERY

MUCH THIS INCIDENT AGAINST THE IRANIAN CONSULATE GENERAL. WE DEPLORE AND CONDEMN THIS KIND OF RECKLESS ACTION, THIS THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE.

I DO NOT --

Q. SLOWER, BOB PLEASE.

A. WE REGRET VERY MUCH THIS INCIDENT AGAINST THE IRANIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL. WE DEPLORE AND CONDEMN THIS KIND OF RECKLESS ACTION, THIS THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE.

I AM TOLD THAT A GROUP CALLED THE RED GUERRILLA FAMILY CALLED THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ODIIOUS ACT.

Q. THE RED GUERRILLA FAMILY?

A. THE RED GUERRILLA FAMILY--WHICH I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON. IN FACT, I DO NOT HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT--IN WHICH, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, YOU SHOULD CALL THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Q. WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

A. LAST NIGHT.

Q. WAS ANYBODY HURT IN THIS, BOB?

A. PARDON ME?

Q. ANYBODY HURT?

A. NO INJURIES--HAPPILY. END TEXT.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON, ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT, CALLED CHARGE TAVALLALI, IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI WHO IS IN MEXICO, AND EXPRESSED OUR REGRET FOR THIS DEPLORABLE INCIDENT AND OUR RELIEF THAT NO ONE WAS INJURED. ATHERTON ASSURED CHARGE THAT DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN REITERATED TO POLICE IN CITIES WHERE OFFICIAL IRANIAN OFFICES ARE LOCATED, THE NEED TO GIVE GREATER PROTECTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO IRANIAN INSTALLATIONS. IN CONCLUSION, HE TOLD CHARGE TO CALL ON US AT ANY TIME FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

4. FYI: IN VIEW OF INCREASED THREAT TO IRANIAN ESTABLISHMENTS, EPS NOW HAS FIXED-POST COVERAGE OF CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE. IRANIAN EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY NOTIFIED US THAT IT IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SENDING SECURITY GUARDS FROM IRAN TO WASHINGTON AND REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARD-

ING THE REGULATIONS ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE IMPORTATION AND
CARRYING OF FIREARMS BY THESE GUARDS; A REPLY WILL BE SENT
PROMPTLY. END FYI.

5. IN EARLY AFTERNOON JAN 15 ANONYMOUS CALLER TELEPHONED
OFFICE THE IRANIAN ECONOMIC MISSION TO STATE THAT BOMB
HAD BEEN PLACED IN BUILDING. MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE
AND EPS IMMEDIATELY MADE THOROUGH SEARCH OF PREMISES BUT
FOUND NO EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. KISSINGER

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